TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS
Minutes of December 1, 2016 Legislative Committee Meeting
William P. Hobby Jr. Building, 333 Guadalupe Street
Tower III, Conference Room 350-L
Austin, TX 78701
11:00 a.m. until completion of business

AGENDA ITEMS	DESCRIPTIONS
1. Call to Order	Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Roll Call	Mr. Davis called the roll.

Present Committee Members

Michael (Chad) Davis	Chair – Landscape Architect Member
Chase Bearden	Public Member
Robert (Bob) Wetmore	Architect Member

Excused Absence

Charles (Chuck) Anastos	Architect Member

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3. Public Comment	None.
4. Approval of August 16, 2016 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes	A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED (Bearden/Wetmore) TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 16, 2016 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. Distribution and discussion of general legislative and procedure information -- Interim charges of oversight committees	Ms. Hildebrand presented the Committee with information on Interim Charges of Oversight Committees. The first was a hearing of the House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures on August 23rd. There were multiple questions from Legislators during this hearing.

The second hearing was in the Senate on October 5th of the Committee on Business and Commerce. The Board discussed the perspectives shared by Senator Don Huffines and Senator Charles Schwertner regarding regulation of professions.

The committee discussed issues relating to the North Carolina Dental case, immunity of regulatory Boards, and anti-competitive actions. Another topic of interest was the testimony of the Institute of Justice and their suggestion that a committee be created by the OAG to review any rule before it is voted on by a Board or Commission.

Ms. Hildebrand informed the Committee that Mr. Brenton was researching this issue and would report on his findings.

Ms. Dockery inquired as to whether the agency was subject to a lawsuit for anti-competitive action. Ms. Hildebrand stated that the agency's insurance policy does not cover antitrust actions.

Mr. Lancaster discussed the notion of "economic liberty" and stated that TDLR's deregulation of six (6) occupational groups may be enough deregulation to stave off additional deregulation of professions in the upcoming session after the Legislature deals with emergency issues.

Mr. Lancaster informed the Committee that the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee Report has not been released yet. He noted that several of the members of the previous Committee will not be coming back, including Chairman Smith.

Ms. Hildebrand gave the Committee background on the Sunset Report that was just released regarding smaller healthcare agencies. They have recommended that a number of them be transferred to TDLR. She explained that this would be the first group of professionals with degrees ever to be regulated by TDLR. She stated that this will occur over the next three years, FY2018, FY2019 and FY2020.

Ms. Hildebrand stated that she and the Communications Manager attended the Biennial Legislative & Communications Conference. She informed the Committee that there was extensive discussion on hot topics and TBAE was not mentioned.

6. Potential legislative issues and the Board's instructions to staff regarding those issues – TBAE Fact Sheet

The Committee discussed the issues regarding interior design deregulation and suggestions for Ms. Hildebrand testifying before the Legislature. Ms. Hildebrand informed the Committee that she will be creating a document for RID's practice analysis. Ms. Vining stated that TAID will be filing a bill to repeal the examination requirement. The Committee decided to have the next meeting in conjunction with the next Board meeting.
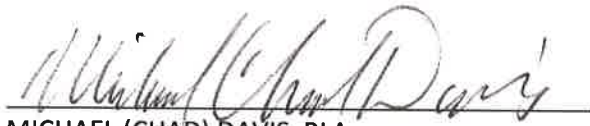
7. Chair's closing remarks

The Chair thanked the Committee members for their time and work.

8. Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED (Bearden/Wetmore) TO ADJOURN AT 12:22 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE:

MICHAEL (CHAD) DAVIS, RLA
Chair, TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS